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## RESPONSE TO NOTICE REQUIRING EXCESS CLAIMS FEES

Dear Sir:

As the attorney for the above referenced case, I hereby declare that small entity status is entitled to be asserted.

I acknowledge the duty to file any change in status resulting in loss of entitlement to small entity status prior to paying, or at the time of paying, the earliest of the issue fee or any maintenance fee due after the date on which status as a small entity is no longer appropriate. (37 CFR 1.28(b)).

Respectfully,
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